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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Greetings to the members of the 4-H clubs. A successful year in 4-H club work has just closed. Reports of the year's work now coming to the department indicate that there is an increase in enrollment and that a higher percentage of those who were enrolled completed the work and made a report. Local leaders who guided these clubs are to be congratulated upon their success.

Business men, bankers, farmers, and statesmen have testified to the value of 4-H clubs and the practical education that club boys and girls receive. Former 4-H club members now grown to manhood and womanhood are assuming active leadership in rural affairs. Their ability to work together will prove a real asset to rural America.

I congratulate the 600,000 4-H club members on their work during 1927, and extend to them my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

W M Jardine

WITH THE LOCAL LEADERS

Graham County, Ariz., having no home demonstration agent or club agent, held local achievement meetings throughout the county and finished with a county rally, September 5, under the guidance of a volunteer leader. Club enrollment for the county is more than 225.

A news-letter to local leaders of girls' 4-H clubs was sent to Maryland leaders by Dorothy Emerson, State girls' club agent, in November. Included in the letter are a number of ideas which other leaders have contributed and suggestions which might be helpful. A paper prepared for conditions in one county and given at a local leader conference is given. This covers an outline of work to be done by the local leader and by the home demonstration agent, grouped under (1) club meetings (preparation, business meetings, work period without home demonstration agent, and recreation); (2) club activities; (3) records; (4) extra work; (5) local leader conferences; and (6) development of club members.

Some of the suggestions are: Coach girls in parliamentary law; assist officer, when necessary, in keeping order; encourage timid members; see that officers and committee perform duties; see that the club has a program for the year; divide the group according to stages of work; find work or responsibility for every girl all the time; have club invite parents; carefully place responsibility by--providing situations to teach members to be "good followers," guiding group into making just decisions instead of appearing to "govern them," keeping ahead of group but always with them, boosting club when it deserves it, giving all encouragement possible, discovering and assisting members that need extra attention, and having a leader's minute at each meeting to present a helpful thought or story. Do more than teach sewing--teach members to be fine 4-H girls.

Subject-matter instruction, recreational material, and stories complete the letter.

Two leaders from each of the 21 clubs in Mecklenburg County, N.C., may attend the leaders' class which Home Demonstration Agent Delano Wilson holds twice a month to give training for the work of the coming month. One leader is elected by the club, and one is selected by Miss Wilson. At the last meeting there was 100 per cent attendance, 42 girls. Lunch at these leaders' meetings is also an opportunity for training as well as good times. The girls draw by club for the chance to act as hostess. The two girls from the winning club select six other girls from the club to assist them. Together they plan the menu and serve the lunch, then provide some form of entertainment to last about 20 minutes. "The leaders' schools have proved so popular," says Assistant State Agent Maude E. Wallace, "that numbers of girls other than the two representatives beg to be given the chance to attend."

Washington local 4-H club leaders trained two club demonstration teams making high records at the Pacific International, Portland, Oreg., October 29 to November 5. The boys' team from Spokane County won first place in competition with Pacific slope State teams with an egg-grading contest. The girls' team from Kittitas County made an average score which won for their State the Plummer banner. The leaders had worked out the demonstrations and trained the teams, the specialist meeting with each team only once.



South Dakota has a local leader, Tom O'Brien, who has served five consecutive years, beginning with the organization of the club in 1922, and has sponsored the club the remaining two years of its existence. His club, the Hoven pig club, has raised the average number of pigs matured from a litter from 4 to 7.25. Some of the boys have been members of the club for four years. Many of the hogs are sold for breeding purposes.



The fourth and last series of leader-training meetings for 1927 has been held in New Hampshire. "The leaders," says C. B. Wadleigh, State club leader, "held meetings in conjunction with each county round-up, which were in charge of the leaders' association in the counties having this organization. Most of the other counties are organizing such associations this fall."



A letter was sent by County Club Agent W. J. Green of Spokane County, Wash., November 21, to each local club leader, giving a summary of the year's work. "This year," says the letter, "4-H club work has been conducted in 20 communities with the aid of 92 local leaders. Of the 1,000 project enrollment, 91 per cent reported, showing a gross production valued at \$32,386.17, or a labor return of \$17,705.86." Other facts included are: Crop club members cultivated more than 135 acres, an increase of 40 acres over last year. Seven potato club members grew 15.7 acres of certified seed. Poultry club members managed 2,999 birds. Livestock club members managed 426 head of animals and were the means of placing 17 purebred sires and 32 purebred females for breeding. A Spokane County club member won the ton-litter contest at the Spokane Interstate Fair for the fourth consecutive time. Clothing club members made 1,228 articles. Canning club members preserved 1,407 quarts of fruit, vegetables, and meats, and 981 glasses of jelly. Forty-one rooms of club members were improved. At Spokane Interstate Fair 258 club members exhibited or demonstrated. Local leaders reported that they held 248 meetings with a total attendance of 1,477, gave 806 hours' time, and conducted 59 demonstrations. Then follows a list of the special honors won by Spokane County club members during the year.



Scholarship

Announcement is made by O. A. Hanke, editor of THE POULTRY TRIBUNE, Mount Morris, Ill., that his magazine will offer annually a boys' and girls' 4-H poultry-club scholarship of \$150 toward either the regular four-year course or a short course at the winner's State agricultural college. Each State club leader may submit to THE POULTRY TRIBUNE the records of not more than three outstanding poultry club members. A committee, with R. A. Turner, field agent, Central States, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, U. S. Department of Agriculture, acting as chairman, will determine the winner, and announcement will be made by THE POULTRY TRIBUNE. Award is to be based on the club member's achievement in his poultry project for two or more years, 50 points; participation in club group or community activities, 15 points; leadership, 25 points; and story on "My experience as a 4-H poultry club member," 10 points. The winner must be a high-school graduate and must matriculate the first year following high-school graduation unless sickness prevents.



Two scholarships are announced for Nebraska 4-H club members this year by C. H. French, the president of Hastings College, Hastings, Neb. The applicant's record in club work and ability shown in writing a 300-word essay on "The benefits of higher education" have equal value in the scoring.



Eighteen scholarships have been awarded to Minnesota club members, some for the school of agriculture and others for the college of agriculture.



Kentucky had six scholarships in the college of agriculture, University of Kentucky, to offer club members this year, each for \$200 in cash, freshmen only eligible. Money for five of these is given by a banker and a milk dealer in Louisville, for the other by a poultry hatchery in Lexington.



Fifteen former State champions in 4-H club work are enrolled as freshmen at Michigan State College this year, taking advantage of the scholarships awarded to them by the State board of agriculture in recognition of State honors which they had won in club work.

Missouri Bankers' Association scholarship winners are putting in some hard licks on their two-year short course work at the Missouri College of Agriculture, one enrolled for his first year, the other completing his second. The latter attended in 1926 as winner of a one-year scholarship and is this year serving as alternate for an honor member whose illness prevents him from attending.



Nebraska presents a statistical summary of the enrollment of former club members as students in agriculture and home economics at the University of Nebraska for the year 1926-27:

Class	No. of students agriculture	No. of former club members	Percent age	No. of students of home ec.	No. of former club members	Percent- age
Freshman..	102	26	25	72	10	14
Sophomore..	37	6	16	48	20	42
Junior....	26	9	35	59	12	20
Senior....	35	19	54	55	7	13
Total.....	200	60	32	254	49	22
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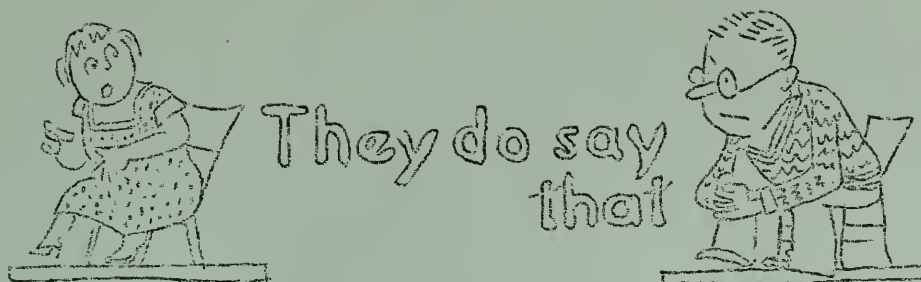
North Carolina has not finished counting heads but has found 24 former club members enrolled in North Carolina State College, most of them already acquainted with the college through attendance at club short courses.

CLUB WORK IN A NUTSHELL

On a $3\frac{1}{4}$ by $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch card has been printed:

- What club work is.
- What club work does.
- The club problem.
- How to find out more about 4-H club work.

A supply of these cards has been sent to all extension workers. If anyone wishes more of them to inclose in correspondence, to hand to people at meetings, to place where callers may pick them up, or to distribute otherwise, the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will be glad to send them.



Two 4-H round-ups kept things lively in West Virginia in September and October, the round-up September 12-16 and the State 4-H round-up, October 11-15, both at Jackson's Mill. Ninety-eight boys and girls from 16 counties participated in the livestock round-up. Purebred sheep, cows and calves, and pigs were shown. Demonstrations, judging and wool-grading contests, mock auctions, and evenings of recreation filled the program. This was the second annual State 4-H round-up. Exhibits came from 37 counties. Competition was so close in many instances, only a fraction of a point between first and second place, that the conscience of the FOUR-H SUGGESTIONS editor hurts because he did not have space to print the names of both.

By special arrangement all South Dakota 4-H club members who called at the State club office were given tickets to the "Hobo Day" football game at Brookings, November 5. Thirty-eight attended. A parade was staged for the day, and all club members arriving before 9 a.m. were invited to take part. The champion dairy demonstration team, which had won first place at the National Dairy Exposition, Memphis, Tenn., was featured in the club section of the parade.

Three full-time club agents are on duty in Middlesex County, Mass., and a fourth will be added this winter, a full-time leader for the handicraft project. The county extension organization issues a monthly publication, and the assistant editor gives three days to the paper and three to club work in certain parts of the county. The editor of the paper devotes a part of his time during the summer to supervision of garden clubs. There is a county organization of 4-H club members, made up of representatives from the towns, which meets twice a year. And there is an alumni organization that usually meets during the Christmas holidays, as many of the members are away at college or normal school and can meet best at that time.

"This is the way we like to have it," says State Club Leader George Farley.

A Rhode Island club cow paid for herself during the summer under the guidance of Sydney Gavitt, a 12-year-old dairy-club member. The Guernsey cost \$140, which Sydney collected from the sale of a bull calf born soon after he got her and the sale of milk during the summer.



A very wide-a-woke club girl is Jessie Bannerman of Fall River County, S. Dak., who joined a club three years ago and has been a member of the demonstration team representing her county at the State fair all three years. This year she and her team mate were declared the grand-champion demonstration team. Her excellent record is responsible for the organization of two new clubs. She is acting as the leader of one of these clubs.



Another South Dakota club girl, Lenore Rund, is making a fine record as a club leader. The mother of two of her club girls writes "My girls of 13 and 15 can now do their own sewing. They do most of the family cooking and baking. They also learned much about entertaining and conducting meetings." She has been leader of this club for three years.



An Idaho winner is Marjorie Jones, a pig-club member who won first and second in the Duroc-Jersey open futurity at the Spokane Interstate Fair. She also won first on spring gilt, and first on spring boar. She has been doing club work for six years.

Congratulations

to Rhode Island club leaders and club members who have made the best year's record yet entered in their club history. Every one of the 265 clubs in the State has maintained and strengthened its organization during the year, says the State club paper, and not one club has dropped out. "Higher production has been reported by the poultry clubs, better cows are being raised by the dairy-club members, better-planned gardens have been grown by the garden-club members, more attractive clothes have been made and more economical wardrobes worked out by the clothing members, more appetizing meals have been cooked by the foods-club members, and following the simple 4-H rules of health has brought improvements that place Rhode Island 4-H club members fully on a par and probably ahead of any similar groups in the country," continues the paper.

Eleven of the twelve boys in Coos County, N. H., who undertook growing certified seed this year had their plots certified. Ten of these boys are planning to raise certified seed again next year, and 10 or more other boys also want to try it.



The 34 head of Hereford baby beeves exhibited at the Virginia State Fair by club members this year averaged 998 pounds each. Poultry club members exhibited 588 birds.



Delegates to the thirteenth annual Ohio 4-H Club Congress, Columbus, Ohio, November 7 to 12, totaled 474, including 54 women leaders and 20 men leaders. Delegates were furnished a 25-page, convenient-sized program of the congress which gave general instructions. It explained that delegates would be grouped into companies furnished a number and a chapter, and would be expected to elect a captain, news reporter, and cheer leader. Events for each day followed, beginning with breakfast, continuing through assembly, leadership discussions by the local leaders, training in subject matter and club organization by companies chiefly, and finishing with the tours, banquets, inspirational talks, or recreational features which ended the day. On several days members of the staff talked about what they had observed in travels through other countries. A "who's who" covering those who took part in the program, occupied the last pages. On the last day the State farm bureau and chamber of commerce gave a banquet to all those in attendance.



Picking pine cones pays better than Peter Piper's project of picking a peck of p-p--p-- whatever it was - according to 17 club boys of Dorchester County, Md. Under the direction of County Agent W. R. McKnight, the boys climbed seed trees of loblolly pine in the county and picked 145 bushels of cones for the State department of forestry. Extension Forester F. B. Trenk of College Park, who assembled the shipment, estimates that the cones will yield approximately 175 pounds of seed, or enough to produce 5,500,000 trees. The seed will be planted in the State nursery next spring and the following year will be available for reforesting purposes. In the meantime the boys added a cheerful sum on the credit side of their ledgers.



A music-appreciation project has been prepared by Assistant State Club Leader Ruth Featherly of Michigan, in cooperation with the music department of Michigan State College, for 4-H clubs of that State. It includes both singing and identification of musical compositions. A description of the project and suggestions for carrying out plans have been mimeographed for the use of club members.



Club experience has enabled Roy Brunson, of Washington, to own a herd of 15 purebred Jersey cows and to operate a farm in Kittitas County.

A herd of 50 purebred Chester White swine returned a labor income of \$1,100 last year to Ivan Hutchinson, a club boy of Kittitas County, Wash.

The winner of the corn sweepstakes at Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, Oreg., for two successive years is the enviable record of Wallace Gregg, a Washington club boy.

Another Pacific International champion, Milton Walsburn, a Washington club boy, won sweepstakes in the Portland Union Stockyards Special on a pen of four fat barrows, Chester Whites, in competition with some of the best hog breeders in the Northwest.



Club work is a live issue in Lauderdale County, Tenn., where 40 boys and girls completed their fourth year of club work this fall.



Eight years of poultry club work with a net profit of \$1118.08 is the fine record of Oliver D. Smith, Conover, N. C.

The North Carolina champion Guernsey in her class, with a record of 4,831.2 pounds of milk and 268.8 pounds of butterfat in 305 days, is the club project of Sam Rich of Davie County.

Poultry is a paying business as conducted by Keron Love, a club girl of Catawba County, N. C.. Keron has been in club work since 1918 and now has a flock of about 150 Barred Rocks and 150 Utility White Leghorns. She often makes as much as \$100 a year on her hatching eggs and \$600 a year on her eating eggs besides a tidy little sum from the sale of her cockerels.

The 4-H bread-making club girls of Goodhue County, Minn., have figured out that they have made enough loaves of bread during 1927 that, if placed end to end, would form 5 miles of bread.



As the officers of the three joint 4-H clubs in Pasquotank County, N. C., finish their year's duties they become club leaders. County Extension Agents Edna Evans and G. W. Falls plan for these club leaders to form an executive board which will lend support and assistance to the new officers of the clubs.



Only club members who have completed their year's work are eligible to attend the annual county round-ups in New Hampshire.



The demonstration that won first place at Florida's State club camp this year was on the cooking of four vegetables. It was given by two Hamilton County club girls.



Glendale Club of Wirt County, W. Va., has devised a score card for its own activities to enable the organization to know just how things are going. There are four main divisions on the card: Organization, meetings, activities, and results.



"Please correct our enrollment." asks L. R. Harrill, North Carolina State agent in club work, referring to page 9 of the September CLUB LEADER, which gave 6,215 as the figure. "Our total," continues Mr. Harrill, "is over 20,000." Apologies, many apologies, and congratulations on the 20,000.

CAMP PLUMMER

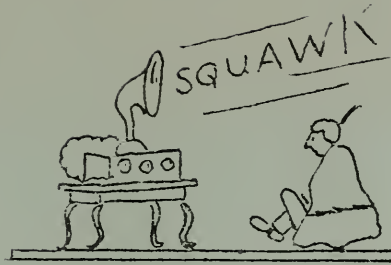
Portland, Oreg., October 30 to November 5.

Camp Plummer's official flag was raised with ceremonies October 30, with 247 club boys and girls and leaders from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, and Nevada in attendance at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, Oreg., October 30 to November 5. The club activities may be listed as follows: (1) Stock judging by club teams, (2) stock exhibits in club and open classes, (3) corn and potato judging contests, (4) girls' judging contests in canning, baking, and clothing, (5) team demonstrations for the Camp Plummer Trophy, (6) health contest; (7) corn and potato exhibits in club and open classes in the land-products show, and (8) educational tours and entertainment features.

Twenty-nine club stock-judging teams had the opportunity to judge some of the best stock in the country. The team from Marion County, Oreg., stood highest with the Latah County, Idaho, a close second. Keen interest was shown in the team demonstrations, representing the five States in competition for the Camp Plummer Trophy. Utah, the holder of the trophy for 1926, surrendered honors to Washington for 1927. The highest individual girls' scoring team was from Multnomah County, Oreg., and the boys' team from Spokane County, Wash.

Emma May Everett, club girl from Idaho, scored highest of the girls in the health contest, and Reed Rigtrub of Utah scored highest among the boys.

Educational tours through the livestock exhibits were made by camp delegations, and several points of interest were visited in Portland. One evening the boys and girls and leaders were guests of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the management of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at a delightful banquet. One evening they were guests at the horse show and also paraded around the arena with colorful banners flying. The members of the 1927 Pacific International Boys' and Girls' Club Extension Committee who have charge of the Camp Plummer activities were Madge J. Reese, U. S. Department of Agriculture; H. C. Seymour, State club leader, Oregon; Elmina White, assistant director of extension, Washington; C. W. Creel, director of extension, Nevada; J. H. Rearden, county agent leader, Idaho; and D. P. Murray, junior extension specialist, Utah.



Every Monday evening from 7.15 to 7.25, beginning January 2, 1928, some one is going to talk about 4-H club matters over Station WKAR, radiophone station at the Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich. Members of the State staff, local leaders, and club members will share in the programs.

"Home night" observed by New York 4-H clubs on the eve of Thanksgiving, was prefaced by a short program broadcast from WGY and affiliated stations. State Club Leader W. J. Wright first explained the purpose of the observance of "home night" which is to have set aside a definite date and hour when 4-H club members plan to be at home and talk over with their parents plans for the coming club year's club work. Fifteen minutes of singing followed. Then Bill Bartlett, whom New York 4-H'ers acclaim as founder of the "keep well" club, talked for about three minutes. Mr Wright concluded the program with a short presentation of club plans for the year just beginning.

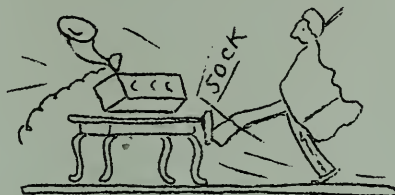
Pennsylvania club members, on receiving their November PENNSYLVANIA CLUB NEWS, marked on their calendars to tune in on WPSC (299.8 meters) at 8 p.m., November 7, November 21, December 5, and December 19, when the State staff is scheduled to give achievements of some outstanding 1927 clubs and club members.

From now until June 1, says THE STEM WINDER of Nebraska, the 7.30 period at Station KFAB, Lincoln. each Wednesday evening is to be for boys' and girls' 4-H club topics. The first evening is for general club discussions, the second is for animal projects, the third for clothing, and the fourth for foods.

A series of talks on 4-H club work is being broadcast from Station KOMO, Seattle, Wash., through the cooperation of County Agent W. W. Henry of King County. One talk a month is given. Agents of neighboring counties and club leaders of King County have assisted on the programs.

At each week's 4-H club radio program broadcast from Station KFDY, Brookings, a 4-H club arm band is awarded to the one who has sent in the best club story during the week. The first winner was Bertha Hilmo, one of South Dakota's delegates to the first national club camp.

In cooperation with L. F. Livingston, agricultural engineering specialist, the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service plans to offer a radio project to 4-H club members of the State. It will be supplemental to the regular 4-H handicraft project.



A new paper in the CLUB LEADER'S mail is the BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB ITEM, issued monthly from the office of the farm and home demonstration agents, Amelia, Va. News of club members' experiences and achievements, and club plans fill its six pages. It is illustrated and mimeographed.

THE 4-H CLUB NEWS, printed by courtesy of THE IOWA HOMESTEAD, Des Moines, appeared in six daily issues to give the news of 4-H club events at Iowa State Fair, August 27 to September 2. Regular reporters of the clubs represented were delegated to collect the news, but the columns were open to everybody interested in club affairs. News photographs of club people and events illustrated the daily.

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